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Trust in Him at All Times.

Trust in Him, ye erring mortals,
He's the truth, the life, the way;
He will lead you to the portals
Of a blest eternal day.

Trust in him, though sin oppress thee,
Though thy sorrows bear thee down;
He will guide thee through life safely;
For the cross he'll give a crown.

Trust in him, ye weary pilgrims,
Traveling o'er life's dreary plain;
Though you're weak and heavy laden,
By and by you'll rest from pain.

Trust in him, ye valiant soldiers,
In the thickest of the strife;
Though thy foes be strong and fearless,
You shall gain eternal life.

Trust in him upon the voyage
On the stormy sea of life;
You shall anchor in the harbor
Of the realm of pure delight.

Saints and angels wait thy coming
On that bright and blissful shore,
Where the flowers bloom forever,
Where we'll sigh and weep no more.

—SEL.

South Bend, Ind.

Since the editor has by his bugle blast roused me to a thought about writing, I am reminded that there are others who are desirous to hear from this part of God's heritage.

Frankly confessing my sins of omission and leaving the reader to pardon (forgive,) I beg leave to say a few words concerning those with whom we have labored the year now past.

Our pastorate at Dunlaps included about fifteen months, though our acquaintance includes a longer period.

Around this little band of Brethren shall ever cluster fond memories of the past. Their love, their friendship for a stranger, their many kindnesses to myself and family shall ever bind our hearts to them, and prompt us to ever invoke upon them blessing of the most high. Though few in number and somewhat scattered, we found them ever faithful to the discharge of their Christian duties, ready at all times to do to the best of their abilities for the cause of Christ.

A dozen or more members of this congregation live in the city of Elkhart. They are so situated that it is impossible for them to attend services half what they should and not half what they would if they had a church in town

Missionary Board of Indiana here is a place for you to work. These members would form a nucleus around which could soon be gathered a body able to care for itself. They cannot rent a hall and pay a minister both, but they could aid you. Come let us have less writing and talking and more work. Call that convention, organize an effective Missionary Board. Let it send out solicitors to raise funds. Then put a minister into such places as Elkhart, Goshen, and help those places to build up and soon they can help themselves and others beside. You were appointed by the convention to lead the church and not wait till the church drives you into the work.

Indian Creek, eight miles east of Elkhart, called us to serve them one year. This congregation is small in number, but among the few are those who are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for they have long since learned that it is the power of God unto salvation. Wherever the devil finds a defect in the walls of Zion there he gathers his forces, then you will see signs of a conflict. For some cause his majesty has made Indian Creek the scene of much activity for some time. Though peace seems now, to have spread her white wings over all, there are still the wounded and maimed to care for. Brethren, "in this name," I beg of you, let the dead past bury its dead. Pour into those wounds of both friend and foe the oil of Christian charity. Gather up your forces, rally around the cross of Christ, resolve to be true to your baptismal vow. You cannot afford to perjure your soul and that you will when you refuse to do what the gospel requires of you to do. See what it says about forgiveness, what about forsaking the assembling of yourselves together. There are souls to save in your community. You are not wholly free from guilt if they perish.

New Troy, Michigan, though seldom heard from through the paper, is a live, earnest body of Brethren, and around the above village, though most of them are young in the service, yet they are none the less active in the Master's work. All in all what time I served the above churches was time to me most pleasantly spent and whatever has been done for the welfare of souls and the upbuilding of the church must be ascribed to the power of God and not to me.

If by my efforts any weak were made strong, any sinners converted, any souls born anew to the love and favor of God, to him be all the praise, the blessing be upon those for whom we labored.

We have been long enough in our new field of labor to become acquainted with our surroundings and acquaintances which has destroyed much of our misgivings over our inability to take the place of such an able and experienced minister as Bro. Holsinger. However we still feel that our boots are too large, but being young we may possibly grow to fill them provided they do not wear out too soon.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control, we have been a little slow in getting our armor on and our forces marshaled against the enemy. But thanks be to God who giveth to the faithful the victory, there are always some who never become weary or discouraged at defeats, who never allows the enemy to spike their artillery. There are some such here at South Bend and by their assistance the Sabbath school is increasing in attendance. The prayer meetings are becoming more interesting, spiritual patriotism is rising so that by God's grace there shall be something done for the advancement of Christ's kingdom even in South Bend.

L. W. DITCH.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

Lots of rain in Kansas this spring.

Showers of divine grace are needed.

Sister Sterling's responses to correspondents are graceful, deep and loving enough, to make any one feel hopeful and cheerful.

We are not rich, seem to be the tenor of sister's responses from most places, to Sister Sterling, but 200 congregations, with an average of $10 each, would make $2000 with which much could be done. Remember sister (and brethren too) that "little drops of water form the mighty deep."

No workings in the Brethren church makes us more hopeful, than the S. S. C. E. We feel as though to sisters would fall the lot of reform within reform.

Bro. Mason, you have company. We were regaled recently by a remark from a Cambellite preacher who heard us preach on trine immersion "A man who preaches like he (meaning Bauman) should be kicked out of the pulpit."

The best preacher in the world can do but little without the co operation of his members.

True co operation means mutual interest and mutual effort

"The judgment day is coming."

Effectual Christian effort means faith, consecration, devotion, prayer, love, money, integrity, intelligence and zeal according to knowledge.

Contending over technical formality, is what we are positively opposed to.

Several preachers in Adrian, Mo., had their say so on feet-washing. We had ours. Will give the readers of the EVANGELIST a synopsis of my say so on it, shortly. Unless the editor objects.

Bro. Stevens "hit the nail on the head" in No. 17, on motive power.

Bro. McFaden gives his trumpet no "uncertain sound." Nobody should.

Bro. Worst should write more for the paper. No flattery intended, but he is a favorite writer of mine, and in fact of others.

The "Pacifics" are usually too short.

Those are glorious news which came to us from Echo, Kansas. The work done there, we know to be substantial.

On our next return trip from Adrian, Mo., we expect to visit the brethren at Montevallo, Mo.

The "golden rule," "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," means to the merchant, a live and let live profit. To the banker a live and let live interest. To the mechanic and laborer, live and let live wages, and if any body under the heavens should practically recognize that rule, it is preacher and church, mutually.

An S. S. C. E. was organized in the Pleasant Valley congregation on the 5th Sunday in April, with a good showing for the few present. One Methodist and two non-church members joined the society. Will meet again on the 1st Sunday in May.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Montana, Kansas.

Bad temper is its own scourge.

From Homesville, Neb.

On Saturday April 28th, we had our second business meeting at Bro. Albert Keim's, in Beatrice. On account of the busy season of the year, there was not a very good representation of the brethren and sisters. But what were there seemed to have that good feeling one toward another, and what was done appeared to be for the good of all.

The brethren can not hire a minister until fall. Our Elder, Bro. Albert Miller, who is full of the spirit and a good shepherd agreed to fill all the appointments if possible, until we could secure another minister.

Bro. John Nicholson's time expires May 20th. He will remove to Kansas to take up his charge there. Bro. John has made hosts of friends during his stay with us. He preaches with as much vigor now as he did when he came here, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Before he leaves us we will have a communion at Pickrell, May 19th, and partake of the eucharistic emblems and broken body of Christ. We thank God from our hearts for the example he has given us in his holy book whereby we can commune one with another. We cordially invite all who can to be with us during these services.

Our little flock has been strengthened by Bro. Johnson and family moving in with us, giving us 6 more members. Bro. Johnson is a deacon. So we gradually grow stronger.

Sister Jacob Whipkey has identified herself with the church.

On Sunday, April 29th, Bro. Nicholson preached in the morning at Holmesville and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the Centerview school house and in the evening he annointed my father, Bro. Samuel Irvin, Sr., with oil in the name of the Lord, who had had a severe attack of billious fever. But we feel thankful to God for his goodness that he is being restored to his former health.

For the benefit of the brethren that were not at the business meeting I will just say our next meeting will be held in Beatrice, the last Saturday in July. We would be glad to see all present, and also all others who wish to see the manner in which we conduct these meetings. No one is debarred from attending; because we want to do all for the good of each other, and honor to the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

W. E. IRVIN, Sec.

Sweet Home, Ind.

Bro. Ed.—I expect that you begin to think that there is something wrong at Sweet Home, from the fact of our being dilatory about writing. I will say for myself I have been very busy this spring, both week days and Sabbaths. We have taken a great deal of extra work to do in the Master's vineyard this summer. I am attending two Sabbath Schools every Sabbath and every other Sabbath we have preaching at Fairview Chapel, and also about eight miles across the St. Joseph River, and three miles North of South Bend. There is a German Baptist class over there and they requested our pastor, Bro. I. N. Miller, to come over there and hold a few meetings for them in a school house close by their church. So of course, Bro. Miller having preached for them about five years before the M. M. M. Com., struck him, naturally felt to gratify their desires, and I go over with others of our members from here to help the cause along by singing. They have an organ in the house and the meetings are interesting—very much so. Yesterday, May 6th, I drove over in company with Bro. Miller and at the close of the services he gave an invitation and two came forward for baptism. One of them came forward last winter at a meeting we held here, and the other was a sister from that neighborhood. We afterwards went to the riverside which was but a short distance and they were baptized, and when they came to the shore, German Baptists, as well as Brethren, gave them the right hand and the salutation alike. We got the promise of some more in two weeks from yesterday that have already been baptized, by trine immersion. The outlook at that place is good for another organization.

At Bro. Worst's and Miller's meetings at Fairview Chapel last winter we had eighteen accessions to our congregation. Our church is getting along nicely, in all its services. Bro. I. N. Miller gives us half of his time and the Berrien congregation the other half; and on afternoons every two weeks at three o'clock north of South Bend. Brethren let us work while it is called day for the night cometh when no man can work.

F. H. FRAME.

May 7, 1888.

Campbell, Michigan.

Last Lord's Day, your humble servant was made glad to lead seven willing applicants into the placid waters of Duck creek to be buried with Christ in baptism. Three of the seven came out under Bro. Kilhefner's preaching, last winter. We have one more applicant. A very large congregation was present; by some estimated at 500 to 600. In the evening we had the consecration services, and the house was densely filled with earnest listeners. After consecration services, I tried to preach. This was one of the busy days of my life,—preaching at 10 a m., Baptism at 1 p. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., consecration and preaching in the evening. Oh, how tired bodily, but encouraged spiritually by the blessing of God!

Will say to Bro. Isaac Kilhefner,—thanks, for the encouraging letters received. Hope you are prospering in all your work in the Lord. Pray for us.

J. G. WINEY.

Where neccessity ends curiosity begins.